GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4564
ANSWERED ON:19.12.2001
MILITANCY IN JAMMY AND KASHMIR
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether as per a report of U.S. daily published in the Economic Times dated September 11, 2001 under caption `post calls Pak bluff - crackdown on militants in conflict with its designs to foment trouble in Jammu and Kashmir` Musharraf regime is falsely claiming that it has no hand in the terrorist activities in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and (

(c) the extent to which USA is convinced that the trouble in Jammu and Kashmir is being fomented Pakistan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) & (b) Government has seen several reports in international media pointing to contradiction between Pakistan Government`s claims regarding its claims to crack down on terrorists and its continuing support and sponsorship of terrorism in India, including of groups operating from Pakistan in Jammu and Kashmir.

(c) The international community, including the United States, acknowledges Pakistan`s links with terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir. The U.S. State Department has observed in its annual report for the year 2000 on Patterns of Global Terrorism that, `Pakistan`s military government, headed by Gen. Pervez Musharraf, continued previous Pakistani Government support of the Kashmir insurgency, and Kashmiri militant groups continued to operate in Pakistan, raising funds and recruiting new cadre`.